The Danger of the People of Innovation
by the *Muhaddith*, Carrier of the Banner of *al-Jarḥ wa al-Ta'dīl*
in the Present Era, al-Shaykh Rabī ibn Hadī al-Madkhalī

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"The noble scholar, *al-Muḥaddith*, Shaykh Rabī' ibn Hādī (حفظه الله) said: "And from here, many of the *Salaf* stated that the people of innovation are more harmful to Islām than the Jews and Christians. This was stated by many of the eminent scholars of Islām, from them: Ibn 'Aqīl and his teacher Abū al-Faḍl al-Hamdānī, Ibn al-Jawzī, Ibn Taymiyyah, et al. And from them al-Shawkānī repeated this in his *Tafsīr*, "Indeed the people of innovation are more harmful to al-Islām than the Jews, Christians and heretics (*zanādiqah*).

Why is that? Because many people trust them (i.e. the innovators) and therefore accept their falsehood and misguidance, but they do not put trust in the Jews, Christians and heretics (*zanādiqah*) and do not take anything from them, so they are not harmed [by them]. However, they are harmed by those who the Muslims are deceived by (i.e. the people of innovation), accepting their lies, falsehood and misguidance."

[1] See *Majmū' Kutub wa Rasā'il wa Fatāwā* Shaykh Rabī' (2/114)